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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition under 37 CFR 1.136 and 37 CFR 1.17(a)(3) for a three (3) month extension of time to respond to the outstanding Official Action mailed 12/16/2002. The new period for response will expire 6/16/2003.

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A check including the fee of \$465.00 for a small entity for this extension is included herewith.

A response to the outstanding Office Action is being filed herewith, together with an Information Disclosure Statement, a copy of references cited, and a Terminal Disclaimer to overcome a double patenting rejection.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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